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H. R. 6631

To provide energy crisis relief to residents of the Virgin Islands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2012

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Virgin Islands Energy
5 Crisis Relief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HIGH ENERGY COSTS ASSISTANCE.**

7 Section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936
8 (7 U.S.C. 918a) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(c) HIGH ENERGY COST GRANT TO THE WATER
 2 AND POWER AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN
 3 ISLANDS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
 5 through the Rural Utilities Service, shall make a
 6 grant in an amount equal to \$100,000,000 to the
 7 Water and Power Authority of the United States
 8 Virgin Islands under subsection (a)(1) if that entity
 9 applies for, and is eligible for, such a grant.

10 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Out of any funds in
 12 the Treasury of the United States not otherwise
 13 appropriated, there are appropriated for fiscal
 14 year 2013 such sums as may be necessary for
 15 the grant provided for in paragraph (1), in ad-
 16 dition to any other appropriated funds that may
 17 be used for the grant.

18 “(B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made
 19 available under subparagraph (A) shall remain
 20 available through fiscal year 2015.

21 “(d) TERRITORIES INCLUDED.—In this section, the
 22 term ‘State’ includes Territory.”.

23 **SEC. 3. ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce is au-
 25 thorized to make grants under section 209 of the Public

1 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42
2 U.S.C. 3199) to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Au-
3 thority for programs and activities to convert base power
4 production in the Virgin Islands from fuel oil to liquefied
5 natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas.

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section a
8 total of \$15,000,000 for fiscal years 2013 through 2017.

9 **SEC. 4. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PRO-**
10 **GRAM.**

11 With respect to fiscal years 2013 through 2018, the
12 percentage described in section 2605(b)(2)(B)(i) of the
13 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42
14 U.S.C. 8624(b)(2)(B)(i)) shall be 300 percent when ap-
15 plied to households located in the Virgin Islands.

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